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SUBJ: NUGS CONDEMNS SECRETARY'S PROPOSED VISIT

1. NATIONAL UNION OF GHANA STUDENTS (NUGS) LEADERSHIP HELD HALF-HOUR PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 13 TO PROTEST REPORTED PROPOSED VISIT TO GHANA OF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER.

2. MOST OF MEETING WITH PRESS, WHICH INVOLVED REPORTERS FROM LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, RADIO AND GHANA NEWS AGENCY, WAS DEVOTED TO 400 WORD STATEMENT WHICH ATTACKS:

(A) U.S. FOR QUOTE OPPOSITION TO FORCES OF PROGRESS UNQUOTE. IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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(B) KISSINER'S QUOTE STRATEGY OF CHEAP THREATS UNQUOTE.

(C) KISSINGER'S DECISION TO VISIT AFRICA QUOTE TO ASSURE
THE 'GOOD BOYS' REMAIN LOYAL TO AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IN
AFRICA...UNQUOTE.

3. STATEMENT ADDED: QUOTE WE CONSIDER IT A NATIONAL DISGRACE FOR
GHANA TO BE INCLUDED ON LIST OF SUCH NATURE. BESIDES, EVEN THE
WAY GHANA WAS INCLUDED ON THE LIST ONLY AS A LAST MINUTE SUBSTITUTE
SMACKS OF THE GENERAL CONTEMPT KISSINGER HAS ALWAYS DISPLAYED
TOWARD AFRICA UNQUOTE.

4. NUGS THEN CALLED ON GOG TO QUOTE SALVAGE THE IMAGE OF GHANA
UNQUOTE BY REJECTING KISSINGER VISIT WHICH THEY CALLED QUOTE
NOTHING BUT AN AVENUE FOR KISSINGER TO PROPAGATE AMERICAN FOREIGN
POLICY WHICH IS ANTI-AFRICAN UNQUOTE.

5. STATEMENT ENDS WITH CALL QUOTE ON ALL PROGRESSIVE YOUTH AND
THEIR MOVEMENTS IN GHANA TO VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE THIS PROPOSED VISIT
UNQUOTE.

6. IN BRIEF QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD, NUGS LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN
GENERALLY OUTSPOKEN IN THEIR CRITICISM OF U.S. AND WEST IN GENERAL,
ADMITTED THEY DID NOT HAVE PLAN FOR ANY ACTION SHOULD GOVERNMENT
DISREGARD THEIR VIEWS. THEY SUGGESTED OBLIQUELY THEY MIGHT
DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE SECRETARY SHOULD HE VISIT GHANA. AFTER
CONFERENCE THEY PLANNED TO DELIVER COPY OF THEIR STATEMENT TO GOG.

7. SOURCE OF NUGS INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE VISIT APPEARS TO BE
SEVERAL WIRE SERVICE STORIES ONE OF WHICH LISTED SEVERAL AFRICAN
COUNTRIES AND ANOTHER OF WHICH SAID NIGERIA HAD BEEN
DELETED AND GHANA SUBSTITUTED.

8. COMMENT: THE IDEA THAT GHANA IS A SUBSTITUTE FOR NIGERIA,
IN EFFECT AN AFTERTHOUGHT, SEEMS TO HAVE GAINED CREDENCE AMONG
SOME GHANAIANS WHO SEE THIS AS AN AFFRONT TO THEIR PRIDE.
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